

Drawing Corrections

Please accept the attached seven (7) drawing sheets containing new corrected drawing Figures 1 through 16.

REMARKS

The April 1, 2005, Office action objected to the drawings, rejected claims 1-4 and 6-8 under 35 USC 112, rejected claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 USC 103(a) and allowed claim 10. To expedite prosecution of this case, this Amendment and Response submits corrected drawing sheets 1-7, containing new corrected drawing Figures 1 through 16, and amends claims 1-3 and 6-10, all without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 5 is cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the original claims in co-pending applications. Support for the various amendments may be found in the originally filed specification, claims and figures; no new matter has been introduced. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-10 remain pending in the application, including six independent claims. In view of the amendments and remarks presented in this paper, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

In the April 1, 2005, Office action, the Examiner objected to the originally filed drawings and required new corrected drawings. With this Amendment and Response, Applicants submit seven (7) replacement drawing sheets containing formal drawings and correcting all of the deficiencies cited by the Examiner with respect to the previously submitted Figures 1 through 16. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

In the April 1, 2005, Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and suggested amendments to the claims in order to overcome this rejection. To expedite prosecution of this case, Applicants have rewritten claims 1-3 and 6-8 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Claim 4 depends from rewritten claim 3. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1-4 and 6-8 should no longer be rejected on this basis.

In the April 1, 2005, Office action, the Examiner also rejected claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Van Den Akker et. al. (US 6,831,239) in view of Nishio (US 5,672,854). For the following reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 6-9 to recite that, in the sliding switch, the first and second conductive stationary contacts are *of a first potential* and that the third conductive stationary contact is *of a second potential different from said first potential.* Applicants respectfully submit that neither Van Den Akker nor Nishio nor the other cited references, alone or in combination, could produce Applicants' claimed invention. Thus, the present claims define an invention that is not obvious over Van Den Akker or Nishio, taken singularly or in combination. The Office has not identified any reference, either singularly or in combination, that discloses, teaches, hints or suggests the specific combination recited in claims 1-4 and 6-9. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-9 is improper and request that it be withdrawn. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are requested. Allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-9 are requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claim 10.

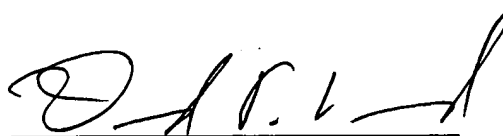
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the objections to the drawings; and the rejections of claims 1-4 and 6-9. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Please charge any necessary fees, including any extension of time, or any other fee deficiencies to Delphi Technologies, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

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